

MINUTES

COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Diamondhead, Mississippi

Diamondhead Community Center Garden Room
March 1, 2012
9:00 a.m.

1. **Call to Order 9:00am**
2. **Invocation** by Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb
4. **Roll Call:** Present: Councilmember Ackerman, Councilmember/Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb, Councilmember Knobloch, Councilmember Rech, Councilmember Roberson. Mayor Ingraham and City Manager Ramirez were absent.
5. **Reports and Information**
 - a. Councilmember Knobloch gave an update on the 911 Services in Hancock County and suggested that Fire Chief Jerry Dubuisson, Chairperson of the 911 Commission, be invited to address an upcoming Work Session to explain how the services affect us. Discussion followed regarding other individuals Council would like to invite including Demory Grubbs and Patty Fuhr from the Hancock County Library System and the dates for them to attend. It was noted that City Attorney Williams was given the assignment to determine expense items such as animal shelter, 911, and library. Councilmember Ackerman to contact Ms. Fuhr.
 - b. Public-Private Partnerships—March 29 Work Session—Councilmember Knobloch reported on several companies that have contacted the city to contract with for providing services: ITBS, CM2H Hill, Utility Partners, Neel Shaeffer of Jackson MS. Councilmember Knobloch indicated that a major problem confronting small cities is the loss of employees after having been trained at the expense of the city. He recommended having these companies give brief presentations to the Council regarding the services they can provide. Several issues were discussed and the dates of the March 29 and April 12 Work Sessions were determined to be a good time to bring the companies in for discussion. A list of key questions to ask was drawn up and included building department/inspection, flood plain administrator, paving, code enforcement, etc. The City Manager was directed to send letters to the companies inviting them to prepare presentations for Council. It was noted that these presentations will be information only and they should be able to address the transition into more services.

DISCUSSION OF DRAFT AGENDA FOR MARCH 5, 2012

6. **The minutes for February 6 and 9 were discussed.**
7. **Presentations / Appointments**
 - a. The Mayor Pro Tem noted that Chris Watson had provided information and a map regarding the Voter District Determination Recommendation that will be reviewed at the next Council Meeting on March 5 when Chris will be in attendance. It was also noted that a public hearing will be held at later date regarding the proposed Voter District Determination.
8. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Resolution of the Mayor and City Council Authorizing Signatures on Checks.

The City Treasurer provided a revised Resolution for Council consideration and discussed the procedures for payment of invoices. The Mayor Pro Tem indicated that these invoices will be published in a Docket of Claims that will be published in The Seacoast Echo. This item will appear on the Consent Agenda for March 5, 2012 council meeting.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Resolution to Approve the City of Diamondhead's Participation in the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration's Office of Surplus Property Program. Upon direction from Council, Councilmember Knobloch will visit the surplus warehouse on March 14 if this item is approved and will appear on the Consent Agenda.

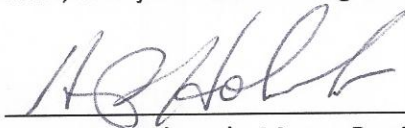
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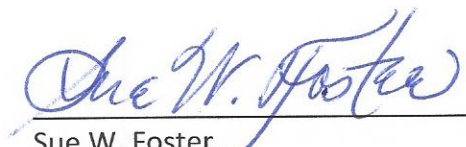
- a. Resolution Regarding General Legislation for Low-Speed Vehicles, HB13
Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb gave a brief update of this issue and the next LSV resolution. He also touched on its importance to Diamondhead.
- b. Resolution Regarding Local and Private Legislation for Low Speed Vehicles, HB1445.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Ordinance Establishing a Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi. Suggestions were made to revise the draft Ordinance.
- b. Resolution Regarding the Selection and Purchase of the Seal of the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi. It was noted that this item does not require a resolution. The City Manager will be directed to purchase the seal and same shall be noted in the minutes, upon the adoption of the Seal by the Council. It was also noted that the City Manager will be bearing the expense of the Seal at this time.
- c. Resolution to Select a Depository for the City of Diamondhead. The bids for the Depository will be received by 6pm on Monday, March 5.
- d. Request to establish the position of "City Historian" was discussed and volunteers will be solicited to assist, following a motion from Council.
- e. Road Negotiations with the POA—Transfer and Drainage. The City Manager will be directed to consult with the POA including but not limited to the transfer of roads and drainage, streetlights, etc.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilmember Roberson moved, seconded by Councilmember Rech, to adjourn the meeting at 10:52am. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.


Henry G. Holcomb, Mayor Pro Tem


Sue W. Foster,
Interim City Clerk

Meeting Notice Posted at City Hall and Diamondhead Country Club.